OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MINES AND EXPLOSIVES IN MYSORE.

Notification No. 658, *dated Oorgaum, 25th September* 1937.

Instances have come to the notice of this Department where licensees manufacturing explosives, instead of doing so in the places indicated on their licenses do clandestinely manufacture them in their own dwelling houses or sale premises within closed doors during night time. As such places are generally situated on public roads in congested localities and since such a practice is liable to endanger public safety, persons in the know are requested to guard themselves against eventualities by promptly reporting the names of such licensees to the local Police authorities. This notice is published for general information in view of the approaching Deepavali Festival when the licensees are likely to transgress the conditions of their licenses owing to the demand for firework articles during the season.

Government in their Notification No. D. 2814—Geol. 66-28-25, dated 9th September 1930, have prohibited, within the Mysore State, the manufacture, possession and importation of any explosive consisting of or containing sulphur or sulphuret in admixture with chlorate of potassium or any other chlorate.

Many accidents, caused during the illicit manufacture and handling of a variety of fire-works commonly known as "Pattas" or "Bellulli Pattas"—throwdowns or small bombs—consisting of a mixture of potassium chlorate (ಪೊಟಾಸ್ ಉಪ್ಪು) and Arsenic or Antimony Sulphide (ಮೀಣಿಕೆ ಹರಿದಳ) or Sulphur (ಗಂಧಕ) have come to the notice of this Department resulting in serious and sometimes fatal injuries to the persons manufacturing or handling the mixture, besides doing damage to property.

The mixture constitutes a highly dangerous explosive which is sensitive to friction, force (blows) and even liable to ignite spontaneously.

As this firework composition is mostly used during Deepavali and Shaban festivals, timely warning is hereby given to all persons concerned not to manufacture, possess or sell this dangerous explosives.

Any person manufacturing, possessing or importing such a mixture will be punished according to Law.

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